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BELTS, AS WELL AS TRANSPORT )  
BELT AND CLOSURE AID FOR )  
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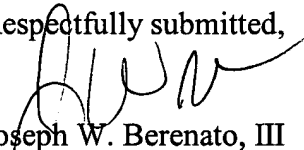
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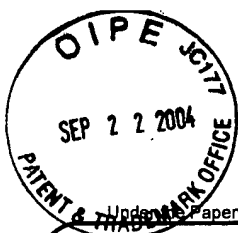
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